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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, line 4, please insert the following paragraph:

--Priority Claim

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 371 to PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/07502, filed October 26, 2000, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 11/309984, filed October 29, 1999, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.--

In the claims:

1. (Amended) A therapeutic agent for treating a diabetic ischemic disease, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a nucleic acid encoding hepatocyte growth factor (HGF).